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Inquiry: This is to request information regarding the requirements needed for a therapist to start his own business in the respiratory field, specifically Asthma Management. the business will be physician-referral based covering medication management, durable medical equipment supplier (asthma specific), patient education in equipment usage and medication delivery. A patient evaluation will be conducted and period reports will be sent to the referring physician. Is a Medical Director required for this area of care? If so, what are the liabilities and responsibilities of a Medical Director?

Response: Please be advised that the RCB requires that every licensed Respiratory Care Practitioner that provides respiratory care services in California have a medical director. The responsibilities of the medical director are specified in Section 3703 of the Business & Profession Code.

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